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GREETED: Crown Prince Fahd greeted by First Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah upon arrival in Jeddah from Taif Tuesday.

From Taif

Fahd arrives in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA)—Crown Prince Fahd arrived here from Taif Tuesday evening.

He was met at the airport by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Prince Nawwaf ibn Abdul Aziz, Me-

ca Governor Prince Kawa, Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr, Jeddah District Commander Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudain and other senior officials and high-ranking officers.

Prince Fahd was accompanied on the same plane by in-

terior Minister Prince Naif and other members of the Royal Family and cabinet ministers.

On his departure from Taif he was seen off by a large number of princes, ministers and top figures.

Assad, Bakr open crucial talks

President Anwar Sadat.

Iraqi leaders have refused to join a five-member anti-Egyptian alliance led by Syria, on ground that the group's opposition to the peace moves was too moderate.

Informed sources said a principal topic of Assad's talks will be an Iraqi offer to send troops to reinforce the Syrian army on the Golan Heights overlooking northern Iraq.

Syria has not yet accepted the proposal, made three weeks ago, but the sources said a tacit agreement may be reached during Assad's talks with Bakr.

They said the two sides are also expected to discuss shelving their political differences with a view to drawing up a strategy for countering the results of the Camp David meetings last month.

The sources said the talks will have a crucial bearing on the outcome of a full-scale Arab summit due to be held in Baghdad next week.

The success of the Syrian-Iraqi talks will depend largely on whether Assad is prepared to alter his comparatively moderate stand on the Middle East issue to make possible a joint policy with the more radical Iraqi leaders.

It also raised unexpected prospects for enlisting Iraq's oil wealth and 180,000-man army in Arab efforts to frustrate the policies of Egypt.

Saud holds talks with Qaboos

MUSCAT, Oct. 24 (R)—Sultan Qaboos of Oman conferred here Tuesday with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal in preparation for the Arab summit conference, due to meet in Baghdad on Nov. 2. The foreign ministers are due to meet on Oct. 30.

The foreign minister conveyed a message from Crown Prince Fahd to the Omani leader during the meeting.

Oman was the last stop of Prince Saud's tour of Gulf states where he had consultations on the Baghdad meeting.

Before leaving Muscat, Prince Saud reiterated his country would attend the Baghdad heads of state conference.

The Saudi foreign minister, in a statement to Oman Radio, said his country, in cooperation with other Arab states would spare no effort for the success of the summit.

Despite its opposition to President Sadat's policies, Syria has maintained hopes of achieving a comprehensive

(Continued on back page).

PARIS, Oct. 24 (R)—The Shah of Iran said in an interview published Tuesday that he had no intention of resigning.

"If it could be useful, I would play a less active role but I do not believe it would be useful," he told the French newspaper "Le Figaro".

The Shah was asked whether his son, Prince Reza, 18, who is training in the United States to become a pilot, would play a more important role soon.

"It is out of the question. But after his return from the United States, he will be briefed more often on state affairs in order to prepare for the future," he said.

The Iranian leader said he was very discouraged by the unrest in his country. "If only I knew what they (the demonstrators) want. They accuse me of not being a religious man. But I am. I am even a mystic man, and this only concerns me."

The Shah said the last political detainees would be released this week to mark his birthday. "There are 1,600, perhaps more," he said.

He said there would be no more arrests for political reasons in Iran.

"Some people say I should act but against what? It would mean jailing many men and women, and that I don't want any longer," he said.

The Iranian monarch said no

agreement was possible with Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's main religious leader in exile, who has been blamed for much of the unrest.

"He is settling a personal score with us," the Shah said.

Meanwhile, press reports reaching Tehran said police clashed with anti-government demonstrators in two Iranian cities Tuesday and at least 11 persons were killed.

In Gorgan, about 280 kilometers northeast of Tehran, 30,000 demonstrators tried to set fire to the headquarters building of the Iranian secret police, the report said. At least 11 persons died in the violence, according to accounts of witnesses. Clashes also were reported in Qum, 160 kilometers south of Tehran. There was no immediate word on much of the unrest.

Mass anti-government rallies in Tehran and Mashad ended peacefully.

Tehran University Chancellor Abdolahi Shabqai asked the government not to send troops to the campus to break up a demonstration there. He also urged students to avoid confrontations with security forces. More than 10,000 high school students, many chanting anti-government slogans, went to the campus for the rally.

They demanded release of all political prisoners and called for the return of Khomeini.

The newly-reported hostilities

flared at the militia-held industrial suburbs of Dikwanah on the northern flank of Beirut's eastern half and Syrian hilltop positions at suburban Sim el Fil and Tal Zaatar, a former Palestinian refugee camp. Both areas control northeastern highways to Beirut.

The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station of the Phalangist Party, which fielded the largest rightist militia in the civil war, accused the Syrians of extending the hostilities to the fashionable mountain resort of Bikfaya.

Bikfaya, the hometown of

Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel, is 21 miles northeast of Beirut.

The broadcast claimed Syrian

heavy artillery and tanks

pounded Bikfaya overnight

from the adjacent mountain-top

resort of Dhour el Shuwer.

The broadcasts said the Syrian

bombardment tapered off at

daybreak, but declared all

roads to Bikfaya, except one

from the coast, closed for traffic.

An ADF communiqué mentioned nothing about mountain

flare-ups. It blamed the Dikwanah-Sim el Fil outbreaks on

militsa snipers, charging the

rightists were massing gunmen

at Syrian-manned areas in the

rightist enclave despite their

pledge to remove all armed

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Kingdom to undertake research into nuclear energy with Bonn

BONN, West Germany, Oct. 24 (AP) — West Germany and Saudi Arabia agreed Tuesday to intensify scientific cooperation and to study the possibility of joint nuclear research.

Research Minister Volker Hauff and a Saudi delegation headed by Deputy Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Ghazi Sultan agreed to cooperate in the search for Saudi raw materials, in their mining and production.

Dr. Sultan heads the Directorate General for Mineral Resources at the ministry.

They also agreed to prepare the framework for nuclear cooperation, including construction of a nuclear research laboratory in the Kingdom and the use of German experience gained in the construction of nuclear reactors.

A German delegation exploring the possible use of Saudi Mineral Resources was scheduled to leave for Saudi Arabia next month, the Bonn ministry said.

Technical cooperation already exists between both countries in the fields of

Three killed in new Jeddah bus collision

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 — Three Pakistanis died and eight others were injured when the bus they were traveling in collided with a dump truck at Khaldiya in New Jeddah, Monday according to "Al-Had" Tuesday.

There were altogether ten traffic accidents in Jeddah Monday which resulted in serious injuries.

A fire broke out at the Ashoor department store on King Abdul Aziz Street Monday, according to the paper. The fire was reported quite serious and took the Civil Defense Department one hour to control.

There were no casualties.



Dr. Volker Hauff

by Dr. Hauff to the Kingdom earlier this year, left Bonn Tuesday for Paris.

SPA adds from Frankfurt: A Saudi youth delegation representing the General Presidency for Youth Welfare arrived here Tuesday on a short visit to acquaint itself with German youth activities.

The delegation, led by Ahmad Fayed, will visit museums and historical monuments and meet German young people.

The visit is one of series of social activities organized by the youth welfare agency to encourage young Saudis to get to know different cultures and to give them the opportunity to meet young people of other countries.

solar energy desalination and exploitation of mineral rich muds in the Red Sea, the ministry said.

The Saudi delegation, which was following up a visit made

SR270m sports center to go up in Buraidah

BURAIDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Buraidah is to have its own sports village by the end of the first quarter of 1980.

The village, similar except in scale to projects nearing completion in Jeddah and Riyadh, will include a stadium, a youth hostel and a mosque.

It is estimated to cost SR270 million and will be commissioned within 30 months.

Sheikh Saad ibn Sultan, de-

6,000 medics said required

RIYADH, Oct. 24 — There are 6,000 vacancies at Ministry of Health projects for doctors, nurses, paramedics, technicians and others. Dr. A.R. Suailim, deputy manager of Riyadh Maternity Hospital has said.

The ministry has recruited 350 nurses from the Philippines and is about to recruit 600 more, "Al-Jazirah" quoted Suailim as saying Tuesday.

puty governor of Qasim, inspected the site of 160,000-square-meter village Tuesday.

Meanwhile, work is in progress on a full-size airport for the Qasim region, Ali Ibrahim Al-Nafjan, acting airport director, told "Al-Medina" recently.

The new airport will be capable of taking wide-bodied jet aircraft and is expected to be completed early in the new year.

The airport comprises a royal lounge, arrival, departure and transit lounges and an independent wing for handling cargo, Nafjan said.

IDB to loan Uganda \$5.6m

JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will lend \$5.6 million to Uganda to improve Kampala's water network.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali left for Kampala Tuesday to sign the agreement.



JOINT TALKS: Saudi and Finnish members of the joint commission for economic cooperation review areas of mutual benefit at their meeting in Riyadh Tuesday.

Meeting views openings for Finns

RIYADH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — The Saudi-Finnish Joint Commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation held two meetings here Tuesday during which the two delegations discussed cooperation in industrialization, agriculture, electric power, maritime transport, port development, training and athletics.

The Saudi delegation was led by Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, deputy foreign minister, for Economic and Cultural Affairs, while the Finnish delegation was led by the under-secretary for foreign affairs.

Sheikh Abdullah spoke of Saudi attempts to control inflation and on the development of ports, roads and housing. He said that the Kingdom had all but completed "Saudiizing" the banking system and was encouraging the largest number of foreign companies to compete in the Saudi market as the best guarantee of good services to the country.

The Finnish official expressed his country's desire for greater cooperation.

The meetings are being held within the framework of an economic cooperation agree-

ment which was ratified in May 1976.

OAPEC meeting urges downstream coordination

DOHA, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Delegates from Arab oil-producers have urged Arab countries to cooperate in reducing their dependence on imported petroleum products.

In its final recommendations Monday, the Arab Petrochemical Conference here proposed greater coordination between Arab countries in the development of downstream petrochemical industries. The delegates stressed that the Arab world possessed the largest portion of the world's hydrocarbon resources, which should be developed pri-

ately. They also called for the setting up of regional centers for gathering data on production and marketing and conducting research into downstream operations.

At the same time, however, they urged Arab countries to cooperate with the industrialized world as a supplier of technology and as a marketing channel.

Fahd wires Kaunda

TAIF, Oct. 24 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has sent a congratulatory message to President Kenneth Kaunda on the occasion of the independence anniversary of Zambia.

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Local Briefs

- JEDDAH, Oct. 24 — Over 20 new girls' schools will be opened in Jeddah and surrounding regions by the beginning of the academic year next month. Abdul Rahman Othman, regional director of girls' education has stated. Othman told "Al-Medina" that Jeddah will have six primary, three intermediate and two secondary schools for girls, by next month. One intermediate school is to be opened in Rabegh and one in Qunfuzah, five primary schools in the rural areas of Qunfuzah and two others in the outlying areas of Rabegh.
- MECCA, Oct. 24 (SPA) — The College of Social Sciences of the Imam Mohammed ibn Saud Islamic University has granted its second Master's degree to Saad ibn Abdul Rahman for his thesis on the Hijaz in the first Abbasid period.
- JEDDAH, Oct. 24 (SPA) — The Standing Committee for the Planning and Development of Jeddah Tuesday discussed a report on the Kandara area calling for the construction of 3,500 parking lots to cope with the growth in population. Meeting under Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi, the committee also resolved that professors from King Abdul Aziz University should take part in its weekly meetings.

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In secret talks

Iran seeking drastic cuts in arms supplies, papers say

TEHRAN, Oct. 24 (AP) — Iran and the U.S. were reported yesterday to have opened secret talks on drastic cuts in Iranian arms purchases from the U.S., including cancellation of a \$2-billion aerial spying system which has roused complaints.

Prince Hassan
ends Moscow visit

AMMAN, Oct. 24 (R) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan Tuesday returned from a six-day visit to the Soviet Union.

While in Moscow the prince discussed Jordanian-Soviet relations and the situation in the Middle East with Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin and other senior officials, the official Jordan news agency reported.

from Iran's neighbor, the Soviet Union.

The reports also pointed to major cutbacks in arms and other purchases by Iran from Britain, West Germany and possibly France.

Caught between recent severe depletions in oil revenues and mounting political pressures, the Iranian government has been reported considering major changes in its financial programs.

Iranian and American officials declined to reveal any details, but Tehran newspapers reported that the secret talks are taking place between Iran's deputy war minister and chief army procurement department

head, Lt. Gen. Hassan Toufanian and U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Charles Duncan. Accompanied by Pentagon arms sales director Lt. General Ernest Graves, Duncan arrived in Tehran Monday night.

Unofficially, it was said that the arms cancellation aims to save Iran's treasury more than \$70 billion in the next five years. Such action is expected to ease the political situation and quiet some criticism from opposition to the government.

Other military items Iran is planning to cancel and which are probably the subject of discussions between Duncan and Toufanian are 70 F-14 fighter-bombers from Grumman, 140 F-16 fighters ordered from General Dynamics, 31 Phantom fighter-bombers and 1,000 air-to-ground anti-radar missiles.

In its arms and other orders reduction, Iran also is canceling orders for six submarines and four nuclear power plants from West Germany. The two projects would cost more than \$6 billion.

Despite a prompt denial issued by the British embassy in Tehran, Iranian officials believe cancellation of the order for 1,000 British-built Chieftain tanks is not unlikely.



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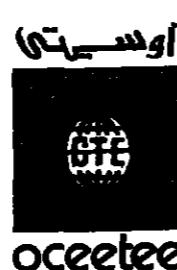
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Elections will be held next year, Zia affirms

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 24 (AP) — President Muhammed Zia Ul-Haq has reiterated his pledge that the national elections in Pakistan will take place in early 1979.

Zia made the remarks at a press conference Monday at Faisalabad, 250 miles southeast of here. He had earlier said the elections to the national assembly and four state legislatures of the Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and northwest frontier will take place sometime between March and October, 1979.

Zia said lists of voters are being prepared now and electoral districts are being drawn up. "This basic task will be completed by the election commission by the end of March or early April, when it will be possible to announce a schedule for the elections," he said.

In a separate development, the 24-year-old son of ex-President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan left for Washington Monday night to seek President Carter's help in saving his father from execution by the military government.

Mir Murtaza Bhutto of London, an Oxford University foreign policy student, earlier conferred at the United Nations with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim for about half an hour for the same purpose.

Polisario Front claims 24 Moroccan killed in clash

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Oct. 24 (R) — The Polisario Front, which is fighting for an independent Western Sahara, claimed it had killed 24 Moroccan soldiers and wounded more than 20 in a desert battle near the town of Aaiun last week.

In a communiqué released in Las Palmas Monday by the defense ministry of the self-styled Arab Sahraui Democratic Republic, the Algerian-backed front claimed its troops had fought a battle with Moroccan forces on Oct. 17 and 18 near Aaiun.

M.E. Briefs

- ALGIERS — Algerian Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Bouteflika has left the UN General Assembly in New York to fly to Moscow for consultations with President Houari Boumediene, the official Algerian news agency reported Tuesday.
- AMMAN — The Speaker of Syria's People's Council (parliament) Mahmoud Hadid arrives in Amman Wednesday, it was officially announced Tuesday. The official Jordan news agency said that during his stay Hadid will meet King Hussein and discuss parliamentary cooperation between Syria and Jordan.

- BEIRUT — The British government is providing blankets, tents, medical supplies and baby food as immediate aid for families displaced by the recent fighting in Beirut. Total value of the contribution will be around \$170,000.

- ANKARA — Turkish Culture Minister Ahmet Tamer Kisalali has left for Athens to attend a Council of Europe meeting.

- AMMAN — Despite Amman's and Cairo's differences over the Camp David accords, Jordan recently issued a postage stamp showing King Hussein shaking hands with Egyptian President Sadat.

Nigerian leader in Khartoum for Africa talks

KHARTOUM, Oct. 24 (IR) — Nigerian Head of State Brig. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo has arrived here for talks expected to be dominated by the war in Rhodesia and the constitutional future of Namibia (South-West Africa).

In his talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri, chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), he is also expected to review the situation in West and Central Africa.

The Western Sahara, where Algerian-backed guerrillas are fighting Mauritanian and Moroccan troops, and the Chad conflict between Libyan-backed rebels and Chad government forces, are expected to be discussed.

Nigeria has been chosen by the OAU to act as one of several mediators in both conflicts. Obasanjo has been named by the OAU as one of five mediators to try to solve the Western Sahara conflict.

Demirel reelected as party chairman

many political commentators had suggested he might have received some 300 delegate votes.

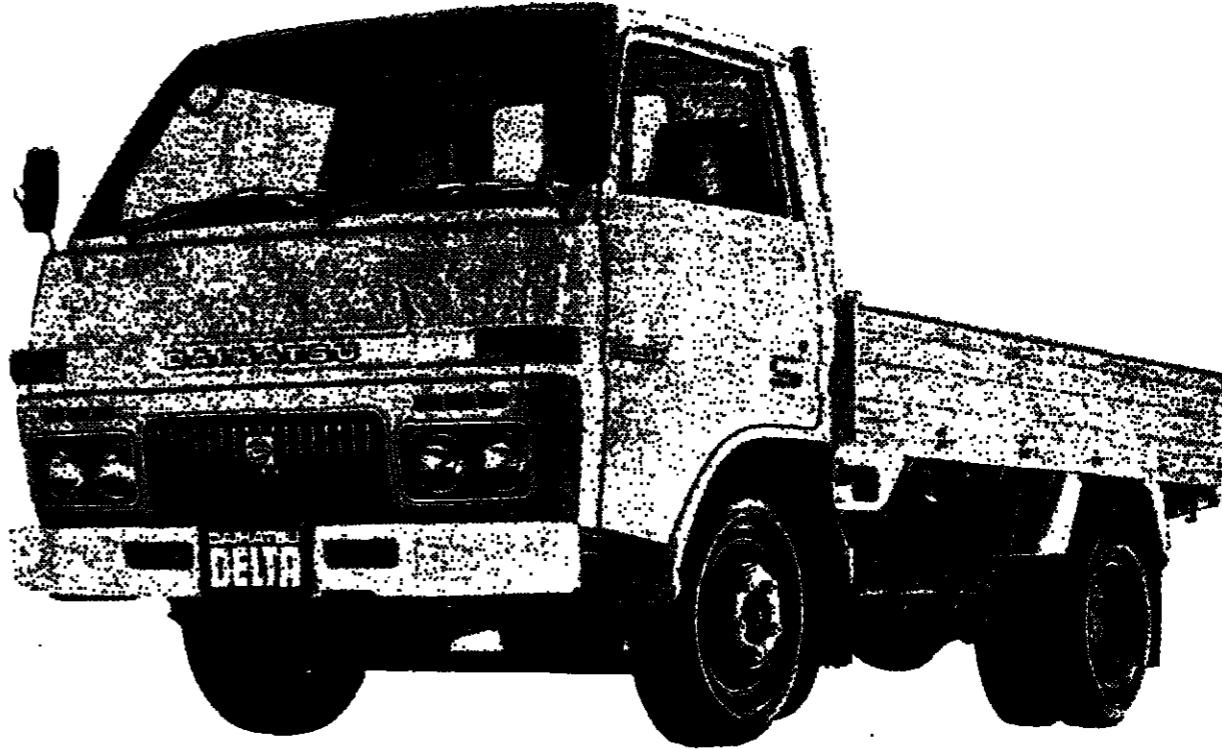
Responding to Inan's challenge, and his call for the party's rejuvenation, Demirel told the Congress before the vote that the way to judge the leadership was to examine its record, not to look for rejuvenation for its own sake.

Bourguiba in Paris for medical tests

PARIS, Oct. 24 (R) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba, 76, has arrived here for a series of medical tests.

The Tunisian leader, suffering from insomnia, underwent two months of tests and treatment in France and Switzerland this summer.

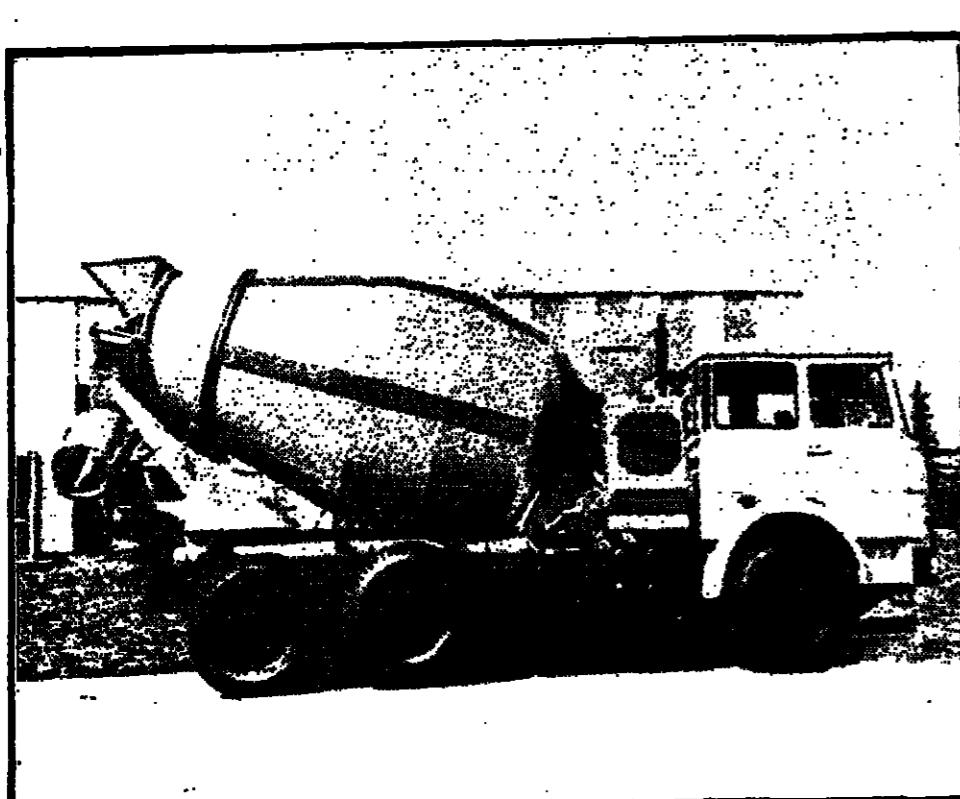
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With Murdoch's 'Sun' on horizon

Battle lines harden in N.Y. paper strike

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP) — Marathon bargaining to end the 13-day strike against the "New York Times" and "Daily News" collapsed Tuesday.

"We made a valiant effort to reach agreement but unfortunately did not succeed," said Theodore Kheel, a labor lawyer acting as a mediator in this dispute. Asked if negotiations

would resume this week, Kheel said, "I think so."

Negotiations between representatives of the newspapers and the striking Pressmen's Union No. 2 broke down after a 23-hour session. About one hour before the session ended, Kheel was heard to say to a management negotiator, "We haven't made any movement at all."

There were reports Monday evening that the pressmen had submitted a new proposal, however no details were immediately available.

Both sides in the strike started the round-the-clock talks to end the walkout before "New York Post" publisher

Farber freed from jail

Dr. X declared innocent

HACKENSACK, New Jersey Oct. 24 (AP) — A jury found Dr. Mario Jascalevich innocent Tuesday of murdering three hospital patients. At the same time, a judge released "New York Times" reporter Myron A. Farber from a jail where he was confined for refusing to turn over notes in the case.

The jailing of Farber and levelling of fines against the "Times" had focussed attention on the conflict between the rights to a free press and a fair trial. The case may still be taken up by the Supreme Court.

Trial Judge William Arnold gave 1½ hours of instruction to the jury. Monday. Jascalevich had remained free on \$150,000 bail.

The 12 jurors and one alternate, after being sequestered overnight, returned to the Bergen County Courthouse to review testimony by a toxicologist who said it is impossible to find curare — the muscle relaxant which the prosecution said Jascalevich used to kill

Two pet ferrets kill U.K. child

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP) — Two pet ferrets which escaped from their cage bit a six-month old baby girl to death as she lay in her crib in a south London house early Tuesday morning, police reported. David and Jacqueline Burgin, found the mutilated body of their daughter Pamela in a bloodstained crib.

Rupert Murdoch gets a new morning paper out on the streets.

The Australian publisher wants to break into the lucrative morning paper market while the "Daily News" and the "New York Times" are idled by the strike.

He had hoped to put the new paper, the "Daily Sun," on sale Tuesday but its editor, Neil Travis, said its debut had been delayed by labor problems. "We hope it will now be out within a few days," he said.

The "Daily Sun" is aimed at taking readers away from the "News," the nation's biggest-selling newspaper with a daily

circulation of two million. It also hopes to attract some of the four million New Yorkers who do not read a morning paper at the moment.

Its slogan is to be, "What New York Needs is a 10-cent Paper" — half that of the "News".

The imminent appearance of the "Sun" put new momentum into the talks to end the strike at the "Times" and the "News."

For the first time since printing workers at the two papers walked out on August 9, the publishers and their union entered continuous talks to find a solution.

Both sides had reached an agreement in principle to end the strike, but technical details to implement this have eluded them.

Judge kills Westinghouse plea bargain

Balks at secrecy provision

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP) — A federal judge refused

Monday to accept a negotiated guilty plea from Westinghouse Electric Corporation in connection with a payoff of \$322,000 to a foreign official.

Judge Barrington D. Parker objected to a secrecy provision in the agreement that would have withheld the names of the Westinghouse officials involved, the foreign official who received the money and the country where the incident occurred.

Parker said: "Gentlemen, I

will leave you to other alternatives. I will not accept it."

He was angered that the government expected him to "rubber stamp" an agreement in which Westinghouse would have promised to suppress all information about who got the bribe and what country was involved.

Government attorneys, surprised at the unexpected turn of events, said the case was still pending but had not decided what to do next.

Westinghouse admitted Monday that it repeatedly lied to the government about bribes

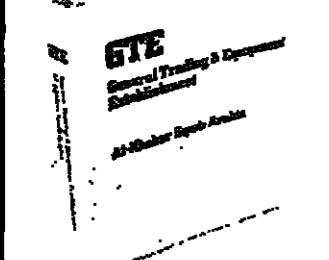
paid to an unnamed foreign official.

It was a matter of national security.

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Shortly before the verdict was announced, Superior Court Judge Theodore W. Trautwein ordered Farber released from the Bergen County jail on a civil contempt penalty. Trautwein said a six-month criminal penalty would be suspended. Since the case had gone to the jury, he said, he would no longer keep Farber imprisoned for withholding his notes as evidence.

Farber was last jailed Oct. 12 for refusing to surrender notes in the case. He spent 27 days in jail in August.

TWA pilot found guilty of negligence

BUSTO ARSIZIO, Italy, Oct. 24 (AP) — A pilot for Trans World Airlines has been convicted of negligence for a 1975 plane crash in which 30 passengers and crew suffered minor injuries. He was given a one year suspended sentence and four months in prison.

Charles Ray Watkins, 55, born in Dawson, Texas, and living in New York, did not attend the trial held in this town north of Milan.

Watkins was convicted of negligence for having tried to land in thick fog.

The Boeing 707 went off the runway and broke in two Dec. 22, 1975.

Queen means it when she smiles, says half U.K.



The Queen

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP) — Forty-six per cent of Britons believe the Queen is expressing genuine interest or friendship when she smiles upon them, says a poll on the popularity of the royal family.

But 97 per cent of Britons believe the Queen does a good job and 86 per cent think the monarchy provides the best head of state.

The poll, based on interviews with 856 Britons and conducted by the Opinion Research Center, is published in the latest edition of the weekly mass circulation women's magazine "Woman."

Elizabeth emerged top of the royal family popularity stakes. Out of 100, she gained 73. Charles was second with 61. Third was Prince Philip with 56 and fourth the Queen Mother with 52.

Bottom were Princess Margaret and Princess Anne. Anne scored 30 and Margaret 29.

Gromyko may rap 'China card' at Paris meetings

PARIS, Oct. 24 (R) — Kremlin concern over France's growing ties with Peking is expected to feature prominently in talks between the French government and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who arrives here Wednesday.

The talks with Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing are expected to range from bilateral trade to implementation of the Helsinki European security accords.

But the dominant theme for the Soviet side is almost certain to be apprehension at recent French deals to sell sophisticated technology — including defensive missiles — to China.

EEC erases boundaries for lawyers

BRUSSELS, Oct. 24 (AP)

— Lawyers from Europe's nine Common Market countries will be able to practice law in any EEC country beginning next March thanks to "legal passports" from the European legal association. Officials began handing out the first internationally recognized lawyer identity cards at a ceremony here Monday.

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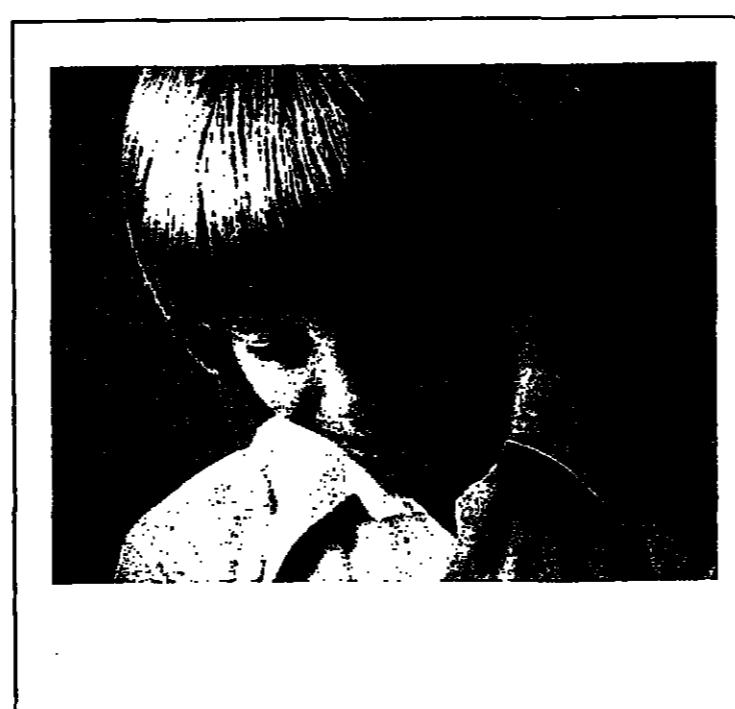
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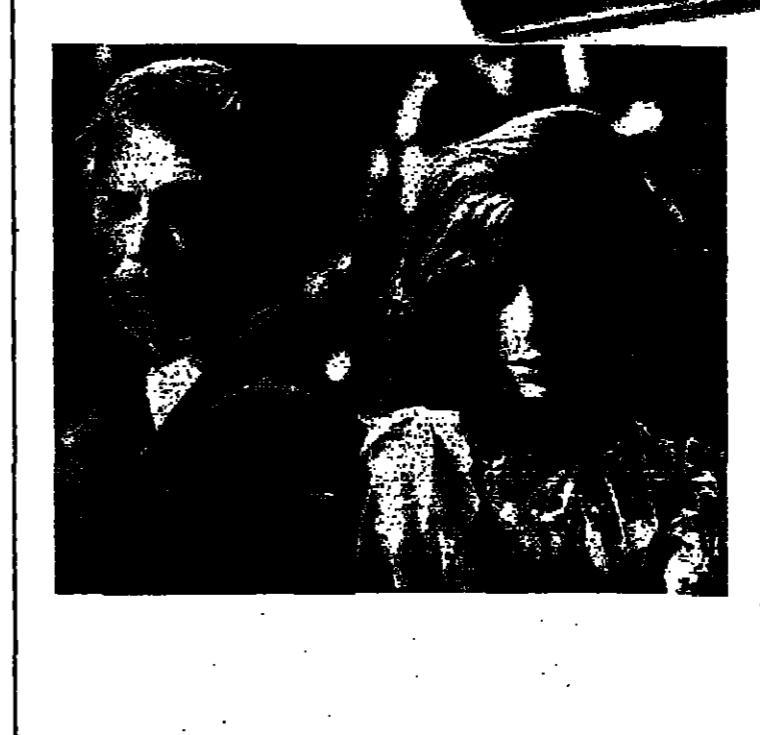
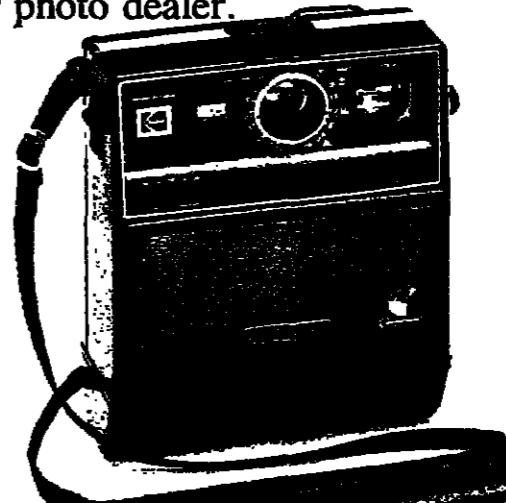


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ARAB UNITY

Arab attention was focused this week on Prince Saud's tour of the Gulf states in view of the proposed ninth Arab summit conference that is scheduled to be held in Baghdad early next month. During his tour, Prince Saud declared that Saudi Arabia would attend the conference and that his country "was coordinating with other Arab states for the success of the summit conference and achieving positive results to tackle challenges facing the Arab nation at this crucial stage." Saudi Arabia is not known for making hyperbolic statements. If anything, it has often resorted to the understatement and has been known to mean what it says.

The Saudi role is crucial for the success of the summit if by success we mean the maintenance of a united Arab front in the face of what is admittedly the most important and dramatic development in the region since the creation of the state of Israel. Success will also imply refraining from polarizing the Arab world into two hostile camps intent on destroying each other, and thereby, weakening the Arab world to an extent that a united and meaningful action would become even more unattainable than before or since Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the Camp David accords.

With Egypt on one side, the rejectionist front on the other, the Saudis, together with other moderate Arab states, are specially qualified and destined to play the most important role in the forthcoming summit if only to prevent further deterioration of Arab relations, by advocating some modus vivendi acceptable to the majority of Arabs, rejectionists and moderates alike. This could be made possible by President Sadat's attitude to the current Egyptian-Israeli negotiations at Blair House under American auspices. He has already indicated that a peace treaty with Israel must be linked clearly to an Israeli acknowledgement of the need for eventual withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and recognition of the rights of the Palestinians to a homeland. The United States appears to support such a linkage. If this can be done, even at the expense of delaying the proposed treaty, the situation could perhaps be salvaged.

Arab interests cannot be served by Egypt going it alone or by the other Arab states completely isolating Egypt and driving it into "an Egyptian shell" as some Egyptian writers and thinkers are already contemplating.

The role of moderate, prudent and level-headed Arab leadership at the forthcoming summit cannot be over-estimated.

U.S. aid effort

By John Schaeffer

WASHINGTON — A new Foundation for International Technological Cooperation (FITC), now being planned at President Carter's request, is expected to play a key role in future U.S. development efforts toward Third-World nations, according to a senior spokesman for the government-funded organization.

In an October interview with USICA, Ralph Smuckler, director of the foundation's planning office, said that while the FITC will not be the "only" or the most significant mover in expanding economic growth and improving living standards for the poor majority who live in the developing countries, it will be a "very important ingredient, in some cases a critically important ingredient."

Dr. Smuckler, a former assistant dean of International Studies at Michigan State University, said that plans for the new foundation will be presented as a major part of the proposed U.S. initiatives at the upcoming United Nations Conference on Science and Technology, scheduled to take place in Vienna next August.

He pointed out that the FITC will not simply duplicate activities of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID); instead, it will focus on the transfer of more highly technical and scientific knowledge to the poorer nations and on helping to resolve such global problems as energy production and pollution.

Smuckler said one of the major problems in the area of technology transfer has been the inability to adapt existing technologies to specific needs in the developing countries. The foundation will be actively engaged in market analysis to determine how such technologies can be used most efficiently, he added.

The FITC will attempt to identify eight or ten critically important problems during the coming year, Smuckler said. Primarily, there will be an

emphasis on food and agriculture, he added, "because we [FITC] were created within the very philosophy of meeting basic human needs, and many of these are in agriculture and food production."

In addition, he said, the U.S. can offer assistance in natural resource management, developing new disease-resistant plants and urban development planning. Also, he noted the long-range possibility of using satellites for point to point educational instruction in remote village schools and of using solar power for irrigation.

The foundation, itself, will not have the staff to effect many of these transfers and thus will act more as a intermediary by researching the problems and funding others to come up with solutions, Smuckler said.

In this process, the FITC director pointed out, the developing countries will be full participants in deciding what they need and in creating programs to fit their own needs.

Ultimately, he said, the foundation will help the less developed countries build their own institutions so that they can turn out scientists, engineers and technicians.

Smuckler said that the actual process of technology transfer will become a two-way street and that many of the more advanced developing countries already have made scientific progress that could have application in the U.S. For example, he said, Brazil is working on nitrogen fixation — a process to raise agricultural yields; the Philippines is developing new methods of fish culture, and India is engaged in a project to improve soybean production.

In the final analysis, Dr. Smuckler said, the most effective means of transferring technology is through individuals, and one of the major obstacles to technology transfer is the lack of adequate educational, technological and scientific training.



How long for Callaghan?

By Adam Raphael

LONDON —

How long can James Callaghan's Labor government survive? That is the question facing Britain on the eve of a new session of parliament.

Callaghan's decision to avoid an autumn election, to the surprise not only of the political commentators but also the majority of his own cabinet, has left minority government perilously exposed.

The first major hurdle will come early next month with the vote on the queen's speech — the monarch's presentation to parliament of the government's program. Ministers believe that the setting of a firm date for the referendum on regional assemblies will secure the votes of the Scottish and Welsh Nationalists. They could well be right, but it will be at best an uneasy alliance, full of threats, alarms, and rumors of unsavory deals.

Ministers are now desperately seeking to reach an accommodation with the unions which will enable the government to claim that there is understanding on the aims of the policy even if there is no agreement on the precise figure for pay increases.

The strike at the Ford plants continues and there are many other pay claims in the pipeline, spurred on by Britain's biggest union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, whose leader Moss Evans has declared bleakly that his men are determined to return to free collective bargaining.

The wages issue is crucial to the government's survival. Callaghan has nailed his personal reputation to reducing inflation, which at 8 per cent is now less than half the rate of a year ago.

The government's determination, however, will be tested to the full, not only by workers in the private sector, but even more by those in the public sector. The first major challenge to the 5 per cent pay guideline is likely to come next month from local authority manual workers, traditionally low paid but responsible for essential services such as garbage collection and sewage.

Callaghan dare not yield.

but a full-scale strike could be both messy and prolonged. Last year the government faced the striking firemen by using troops, but this year, with the TUC in open disagreement over the 5 per cent guideline, its position is much weaker.

The third hurdle threatening the government's survival is technically complex and probably understood by only a fraction of the electorate. But the long-term implications of the European Monetary System, which Britain is being urged to join by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of Germany and President Giscard d'Estaing of France, are enormous.

For any government, the decision to commit Britain to joining would be a difficult one. For a Labor government in an election year, it is an impossible decision to have to take. However it is handled, it threatens to reopen in the most damaging way the rift within the party over Britain's membership of the European Community.

Callaghan may seek to finesse the issue until after the election, but it is not clear whether or not Britain's Common Market partners will accept further delay. If they will not and Britain is left isolated, the possibility of a run on the pound in the New Year cannot be discounted.

Surrounded by the sea of potential troubles, Callaghan has nailed his personal reputation to reducing inflation, which at 8 per cent is now less than half the rate of a year ago.

Callaghan may survive for now, but it is hard to see the government's fortunes improving much between now and polling day. But if the government can both survive the winter, and show that it is determined to continue to reduce inflation, it should reap a sizeable reward. The odds may favor Margaret Thatcher and the Conservatives, but Callaghan has not left the field.

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Diplomacy by spotlight

By Dennis E. Winters
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON —

Now that Carter's foreign policy approaches are widely known along with his many outstanding and unpredicted successes, observers are contesting with one another over the "keys" to understanding its complex architecture. With so many consistent successes, columnists have tired of calling the policy "directionless" and "confusing" and are finding it safer to claim to be able to pick out enough of its characteristics to predict the administration's next moves.

Outstanding among these intrepid predictors are those who claim that Carter's policy choices occur in direct relation to results on current polls.

Last month, these people were pointing to the Camp David summit as a good example of "government by poll." And, it is true that poll data for the past two years have shown that while most Americans (60 per cent) show no interest whatsoever for foreign policy issues, these same people can be brought to attention in a time of crisis or for a dramatic scenario like the Sadaq initiative.

Suppose one agrees with the growing evidence supporting the government by poll theory. And suppose that we go along with the assumption that "open diplomacy" itself was created to increase the favorable polling numbers to allow Carter more maneuverability in general foreign policy activity. And, going all the way, suppose we even assume that all this was planned before inauguration day and admit that from the point of view of U.S. interests, all is going rather well.

After agreeing to all this, however, we can hardly be satisfied with the completeness of the picture presented. It adds up to the assumption that the fundamental objective of American foreign policy under the Carter administration is to create wider maneuverability with the least possible commitment. The tactic is to hang on to world leadership without recourse to military or economic leverage.

So far, so good. But the trouble with all this reasoning is that such a picture makes Carter's foreign policy not that much different from Nixon's plan of no commitment except

statement providing the "keys" to foreign policy as early as 1973. At that time, the new resigned president said, "We will not become involved because we are committed; rather, we will become committed because we are involved." In other words, we will become committed if our interests are at question. The essence of this doctrine is the intention to throw out bilateral special relationships based on ideological identification.

Carter's problem is how to focus on the source of tension in such a way as to keep his control on the spotlight. In this diplomatic strategy, the world is a source of grist for grinding out a picture which emphasizes those aspects of the world condition most conducive to attaining Carter's goals.

Before one remarks on the dastardly cynicism of this manipulation of world events, look at the alternatives for the U.S. in this frustratingly complex and interdependent world. Wouldn't it be better to spend one's energy on "spotlight activities" like Camp David to redress the grievances of important allies than to create a new Vietnam?

Menahem Begin is just beginning to realize the full implications of the Carter trap. There was only one victor at Camp David, and Sadat was not a loser. Begin has been the loser since the first day of Carter's open diplomacy. Every event seen by Begin as the "final agreement" is really only another day in the Carter global series, unrelentingly shedding all the light the United States has on Israel's position on the occupied lands.

Moshe Dayan went to the United Nations to tell them that the three month period of no more settlements on the West Bank was only an agreement for that time. That is Israel's problem. She must face the paradox of demanding five years or even ten years before the "final settlement" of the West Bank question and, at the same time, demanding only three months before continuing her illegal use of the territories.

Today, Begin and Moscow know why Carter was smiling as he flew back to Washington from Camp David. He had what he wanted: his hand tightly gripped to the spotlight. His promise to Sadat for the concession? Not to shut it off for a single moment.

Madame Gandhi in London

By Arthur L. Gashon

LONDON —

One-time Prime Minister Indira Gandhi may be hitting the political comeback trail in India, but British officialdom isn't exactly planning red carpet receptions for her visit next month.

If anything, a certain coolness, if not embarrassment, has marked most formal responses to questions about who in government will or will not see her when she arrives on an eight-day "private visit" Nov. 12.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office says it has no official knowledge of Madame Gandhi's program or movements beyond what has appeared in newspapers. But organizations sponsoring the former Indian leader's journey here report they have asked for her to meet with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, ex-Prime Minister Edward Heath, among other notables. They still, say, are awaiting replies from Callaghan and Foreign Secretary David Owen, who has been invited to a special dinner.

That special dinner Nov. 16 has been arranged by the Indo-British Association to mark the double anniversary of Prince Charles and Madame Gandhi's late father Jawaharlal Nehru who were born on the same date.

Owen has withheld an acceptance to attend and so, too, have other cabinet ministers. Even Lord Louis Mountbatten, uncle of Queen Elizabeth II and a close family friend of the Nehrus, has pleaded prior commitments.

Before Indira Gandhi fell into political hot water over her emergency rule in India and her subsequent ouster, such an occasion undoubtedly would have seen a glittering gathering on the British establishment. As of now just two cabinet ministers with leftist reputations have said they will attend — Environment Minister Peter Shore, who will be the main speaker, and leader of the House of Commons Michael Foot.

British highups, according to officials who declined being named, pointed to two reasons for the caution they are displaying:

— Madame Gandhi still faces court charges for alleged political corruption, added

to which her emergency rule upset leaders of the British labor movement.

— The Labor government and royal family, personified by Mountbatten, want to avoid anything that might conceivably offend India's incumbent Prime Minister Morarji Desai. London's currently good relations with New Delhi lately were underlined by a \$2 billion

meeting with Indian community groups, which are paying the costs of her stay, with members of the Houses of Commons and Lords and with journalists.

Her London friends insist she is coming here only, as Indian industrialist Swaraj Pal put it, to "get a breath of fresh air." But the number of functions she is attending and speeches slated to repair her battered international reputation. — (AP)

saudi press review

Mohsen, deputy governor of Mecca to the director of traffic police in the area should treat motorists and pedestrians with respect and courtesy. The prince ordered the transfer of a traffic policeman whose behavior had been the subject of the writer's complaint. He ordered traffic officers to be on duty at all times.

The writer had earlier written a column drawing attention to the offensive behavior of some traffic police and their attitude toward some traffic offenders.

In the same issue "Okaz" printed a photocopy of a bill issued by a workshop for the supply and repair of an engine cutout.

The cutout was priced at SR. 50, while labor, which took all of ten minutes, was put at SR. 250. The paper said the mechanic could have been a nuclear scientist. "How else could the garage management justify such exorbitant rates?"

"Al-Riyadh" hailed the visit of President Hafez Assad to Iraq as a historic event coming after a long period of hatred and recrimination between the two capitals. The paper said that throughout this period of enmity, the countries somehow

managed to work together in times of adversity. This reconciliation is bound to be of great advantage to the forthcoming Ninth Arab summit to be held in Baghdad early next month.

The paper said it would not be surprising if the press in the countries party to the Camp David accords should attack and ridicule every Arab initiative, claiming that the only right road to peace in the region must go through one of its capitals.

Commenting on Prince Saud's tour of the Gulf states, "Al-Bilad" said these states constitute "an important region whose effects on Arab policy and strategy are quite clear and pronounced."

Hence the visit of Prince Saud leads to an optimistic view of the result of such contacts before the convening of Arab summit conference in Baghdad. The paper said that Arabs were looking forward to the proposed summit for the emergence of a set of political realities which can lead to a common strategy that can take advantage of international political good offices.

Over the hill

A concerned pediatrician

By Rosalind Ingrams

JEDDAH — "Saudis make very good parents," says Dr. Jean Brown, an energetic pediatrician working at the Ministry of Defense hospital here. "The fathers are very involved in the care of their children, perhaps partly because, in Saudi Arabia, it is the fathers who shop for and fetch and carry their children. I have met some fathers who show a really expert knowledge of child nutrition."

Dr. Brown, a pediatrician in Saudi Arabia since 1976, is impressed by the sophisticated urban Saudi parents she has come across. The rural picture is not always so happy. It is one of the areas where there is room for increased public awareness, a subject which Jean Brown, like all pediatricians, has at heart.

The smiling, dark-haired Dr. Brown came to Jeddah with her husband Vivian (who is commercial secretary at the British Embassy) and their two small sons early in 1976. She had completed six years of general medical training in 1970, and chose pediatrics as her specialty. Fortunately for her career in the Kingdom, she was already an Arabic speaker.

Jean Brown's Arabic came in 1966, in Tunis. Her future husband was also taking the course. Later, she took regular lessons in Lebanon, where the Browns spent six months before coming to Jeddah.

"It was in Jordan that my particular interest in pediatrics first started," Dr. Brown remembers. "During 1965 I spent six months working with the 'Save the Children' program in the villages around Kerak, not far from the Dead Sea. The program was essentially one of immunization and feeding, which are the two most important aspects of child care in the Middle East. We had nine villages to visit on a fortnightly rotation, and each village had a local orderly whose job it was to provide a daily meal for the children at a feeding center, and carry out prescribed treatments. Many of these young Jordanian orderlies incidentally



Dr. Jean Brown

went on to study medicine for a career."

"We also set up 'Well Baby' clinics," Brown adds. "The idea behind these is to persuade the mothers to bring their babies to the clinic regularly throughout the child's first year, whether the child is well or ill.

Thus the mothers can be given help with feeding and hygiene and the babies can be checked. A critical period for all small children in the Middle Eastern countries is weaning. The need to wean gradually is not generally understood, and a lot of children's ailments and later adult debility begin at this time.

Many rural families expect their children to exchange a diet of breast milk for adult meals of rice, etc., as soon as the teeth appear. Or else the child may be given the breast only for far too long, when it really needs more nourishing food."

Jean Brown has noticed changes in parental awareness among the patients with whom she works in Jeddah even in the three years since she started.

The general pediatric unit at Whitaker Military Hospital came into existence shortly before she joined the staff, and so she has watched its entire development. Parents seem to be bringing their sick children in much earlier, thus giving

doctors far more chance to save them. If children are brought in during the last stages of sickness, it may often be because time has been lost searching for alternative cures.

Other difficulties Dr. Brown and others have encountered include the use of traditional medicines. Some of these are harmless, though in widespread use in the Kingdom. The methods range from herbal remedies to applications of dung and mud and include extremes of burning and blood-letting.

Another problem doctors meet is the tendency of patients to "shop around." They may take a sick child to three or four different doctors, piling up different diagnoses and, what is worse, different medicines.

Tremendous efforts are being made with medical progress in the Kingdom, according to Dr. Brown. Some new hospitals are both impressively equipped and efficient. A country so vast and with such a widely scattered population cannot, however, rely solely on the presence of fine hospitals for safeguarding the country's health.

Brown feels that small local clinics available to all mothers and children are as important as highly specialized medical centers. Widespread educational

programs about immunization, hygiene and diet could effectively be carried out through regular TV and radio broadcasts as well as by teams of health visitors. The effectiveness of broadcasting was seen at the time of the cholera alert last year.

The preventive approach, adopted on a national scale in addition to the traditional curative approach, could, Dr. Brown feels, dramatically reduce the incidence of sickness in children. An effective preventive system as she envisions it would have three arms: a mother and baby clinic in virtually every village in the Kingdom; a medical referral system serving the villages; and a good hospital in all of the larger towns.

Parts of such a program are being implemented in certain places, but for successful fulfillment, Dr. Brown feels a coordinated, Kingdom-wide network needs to be strengthened. At present, many government ministries have their individual health programs, which Jean Brown indicated can lead to confusion.

In March, Dr. Brown was one of two women speakers who read papers at the Third Saudi Arabian Medical Conference. The conference was sponsored by the Ministry of Health, King Abdul Aziz University and Whitaker Military Hospital.

The hard, demanding work of pediatrics does not seem to drain away her apparently boundless vitality and her interest in other directions. In addition to filling the role of doctor, she is also a diplomat's wife. She loves music, supports many local activities and is an enthusiastic traveler and camper.

Few women in Jeddah perhaps have done and given so much as Jean Brown.

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Republicans look unable to score gains in U.S. fall elections

By Alan Ehrenhalt

WASHINGTON — Republicans enter the final weeks of the 1978 campaign curiously unable to capitalize on their own carefully developed issues in what ought to be their kind of year.

Without a Republican president to have to defend, GOP congressional candidates are free this year to run against every branch of the federal government — a tactic that brought them enormous gains the last time they tried it — in 1966.

Besides, the rise of a national tax resentment has given them a drum to beat, and they are pounding on it in virtually every contested congressional district in the country.

But if the election were held today, none of this would do the Republican Party very much good. Democrats would defend their massive House majority to a near-standoff, gain a seat or two in the Senate, and suffer only minimal losses in governorships.

This situation could change considerably by Nov. 7. But a month-long Congressional Quarterly survey of prospects in all 50 states and districts, one that involved nearly 400 interviews, detected little movement in a Republican direction.

September was an unusually volatile month in many areas, but when the smoke cleared in most of the late primary states, Democrats often seemed to emerge from their most bitter primaries — such as in Minnesota and New York — in a better position to win in November.

It is probably too soon to write off the possibility of respectable Republican gains. The party has \$6 million to donate to its congressional candidates, an important weapon in the final days. Beyond that, Republican strategists have done some important things right in 1978.

Humiliated by their failure to gain any House or Senate seats at all in 1976, Republicans redesigned their strategy for the current campaign. In the House, they wisely abandoned their efforts to defeat many of the Democrats first elected in 1974, switching to an emphasis on older incumbents weak in constituent service and name identification.

In both the House and Senate, they involved themselves in primaries to see that promising candidates won:

But Republican leaders made one other decision that so far is not working — they chose to base congressional campaigns throughout the country on the Kemp-Roth plan to cut federal income taxes by one-third.

A variety of polls continue to show voters skeptical that Republicans sincerely plan to cut federal taxes by a third, or that they would have the political strength to do so if they chose. Every available survey indicates that most voters still see the Democrats as better able to deal with tax questions than Republicans.

Even if Republicans manage by election day to surmount the initial credibility problems of their strategy — which is possible — their single-minded emphasis on the tax issue is causing them unpleasant side effects.

And in a year when one-issue candidates have been meeting with mixed success, the GOP runs the risk of being perceived as a one-issue party.

But Republican problems transcend issues. The GOP is still suffering the effects of its 1974 election disaster, not because Watergate is on anybody's mind, but because the Democrats elected to the House in that landslide year remain infinitely resourceful in staying there.

The Republican approach also allows Democratic opponents to seize the popular side of the entire issue by charging that a Kemp-Roth-size tax cut is inflationary. Democrats can insist that spending cuts are the proper course, co-opting nominal Republican rhetoric.

Just as they wore American flags in their lapels in 1970 to

make it clear they were not two losers would have won if soft on the law-and-order issue, had not been convicted of so-

Beyond this symbolic erosion, however, Republicans

been saying all year that "the country is moving in a more conservative direction," and that "the issues are on our side." But the evidence so far is that this is only partly true.

If returns from the primaries show that the country has become more conservative, they also show it moving in a populist direction. Some of the most striking conservative victories — by businessman Robert Short over Rep. Donald M. Fraser in a Senate primary in Minnesota, and by Edward J. King against Gov. Michael S. Dukakis' bid for renomination in Massachusetts — have been within the Democratic Party.

Both Short and King professed to speak for a middle class fed up with high taxes and social liberalism.

But other populist victories have had little to do with conservatism. What seems clearest from the returns so far is that voters are increasingly suspicious of a whole variety of concentrations of power in American society, and willing

to vote for candidates who express those suspicions.

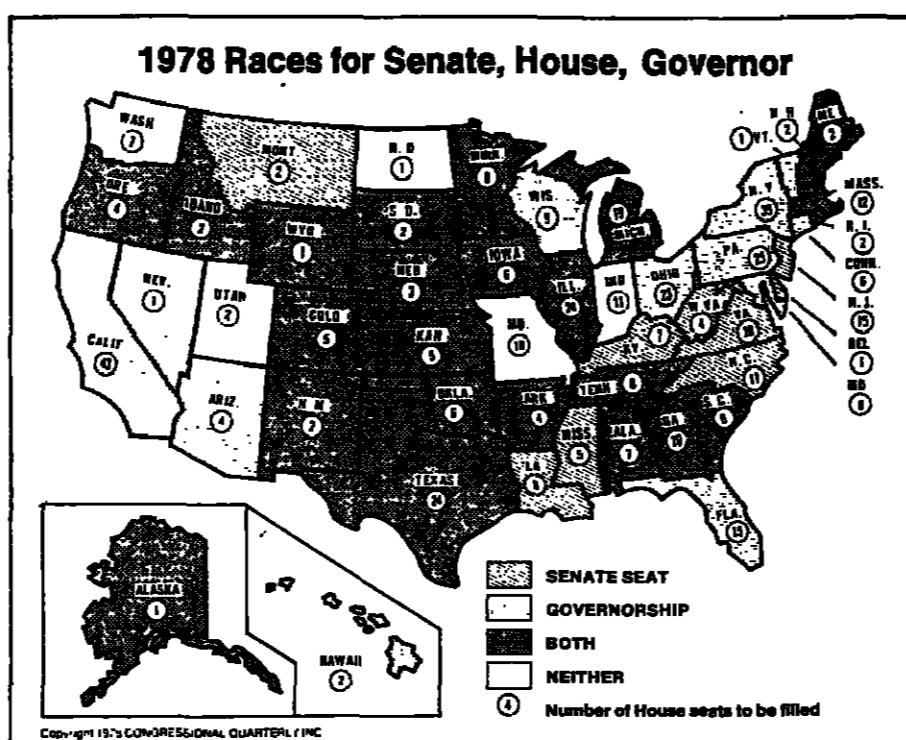
In many parts of the country, especially in the South, the crop of Republican candidates seems unlikely to take

advantage of the current popular mood. Texas, for example, might have been the most profitable state for the Republicans this year. Seven of the state's 24 House districts are open, thanks mostly to retirements, and many of these districts are in conservative areas long thought to be destined for Republican control.

But Democrats found strong, conservative, locally popular nominees in nearly all those districts, thanks in part to competitive primaries that allowed only the most effective candidates to survive.

In the Senate, Republicans have never been very optimistic about their chances for a big gain this year. The current class of senators is the same one that benefited from the national GOP trend in 1966 and the Nixon landslide in 1972.

— (Congressional Quarterly)



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Republicans who expected to make serious dents in the two-thirds Democratic majority found themselves overwhelmed by a combination of good constituent service, newsletters, mobile offices, town meetings and other devices that require a challenger to spend more than \$10,000 in many districts simply to achieve equal name recognition.

What was true in 1976 is equally accurate in 1978, except that the "Democratic Class of 1974" has had twice as much time to use its perquisites effectively. What is different, however, is the Republican approach.

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have a candidate problem that is hard to distinguish from the party's more general difficulties with its image.

Republican officeholders have

Removing toxic metals

By Anthony Tucker

LONDON — Techniques may soon be developed for the complete removal of ingested soluble plutonium and other toxic or radioactive metals, according to scientists in the United States.

Research results published in the British journal "Nature" suggest that the use of what is known as mixed ligand chelation (MLC) — the use of therapeutic substances which mobilize ingested metals from tissues so that they can be excreted — may be far more effective than formerly has been believed. In experiments on mice, almost 100 per cent of the doses of injected soluble plutonium can be removed over a period of about three weeks; mice given massive lethal doses of cadmium have survived apparently unharmed after treatment.

The research is still at a preliminary stage but already appears to be more promising than a parallel development in Britain — the commercially sponsored investigation at the National Radiological Protection Board of a compound called Puchel. This is also a chelating agent, designed to remove metals from within as well as outside cells. On published results, its removal ability appears to be far lower.

Neither approach is yet proven to the point at which it could be used in medical treatment.

All chelating agents pose problems in that they remove metals which are essential to the body's mechanisms; their immediate side effect, the sudden loading of the liver with released toxic metals, can be extremely damaging. (G)

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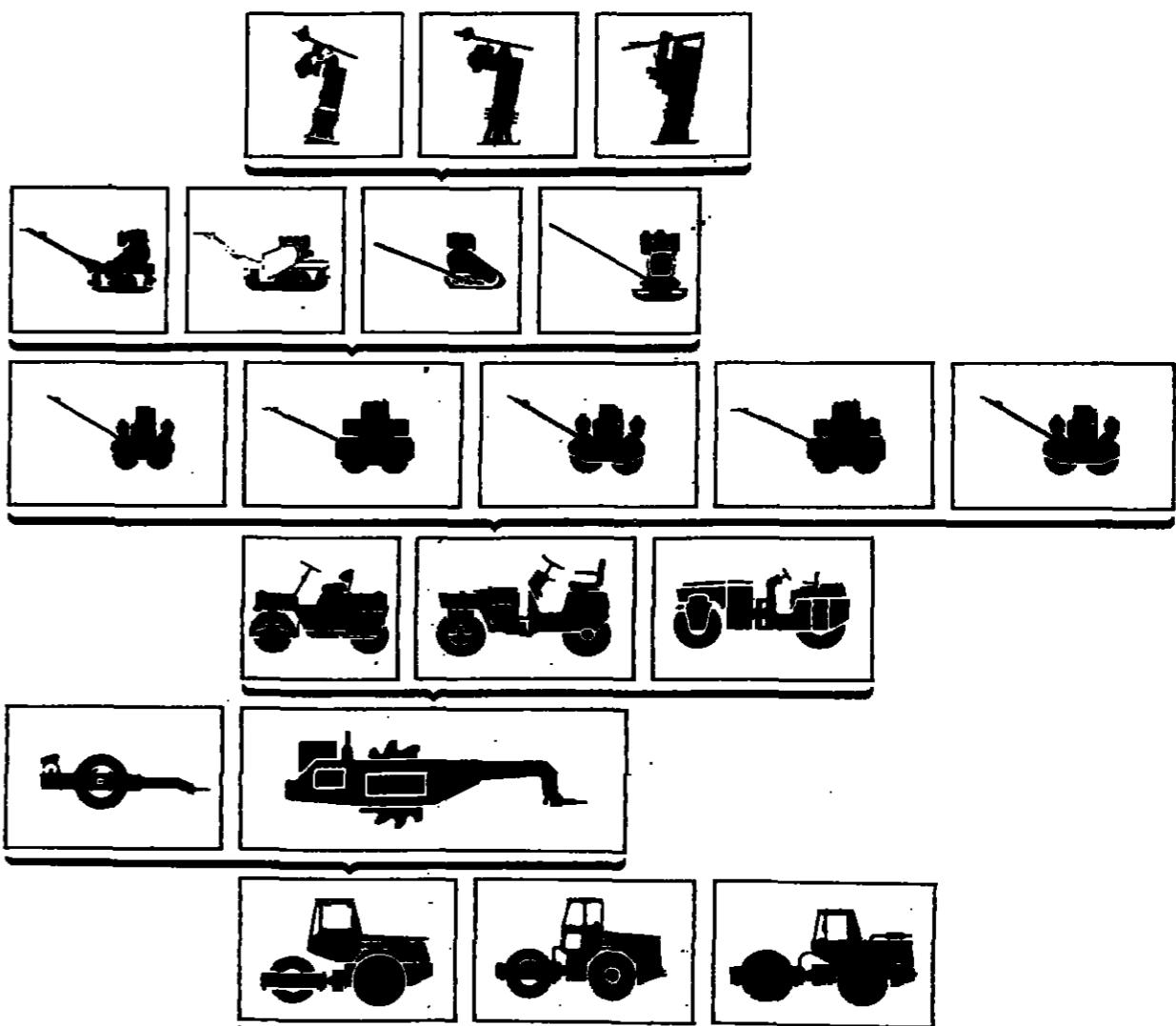
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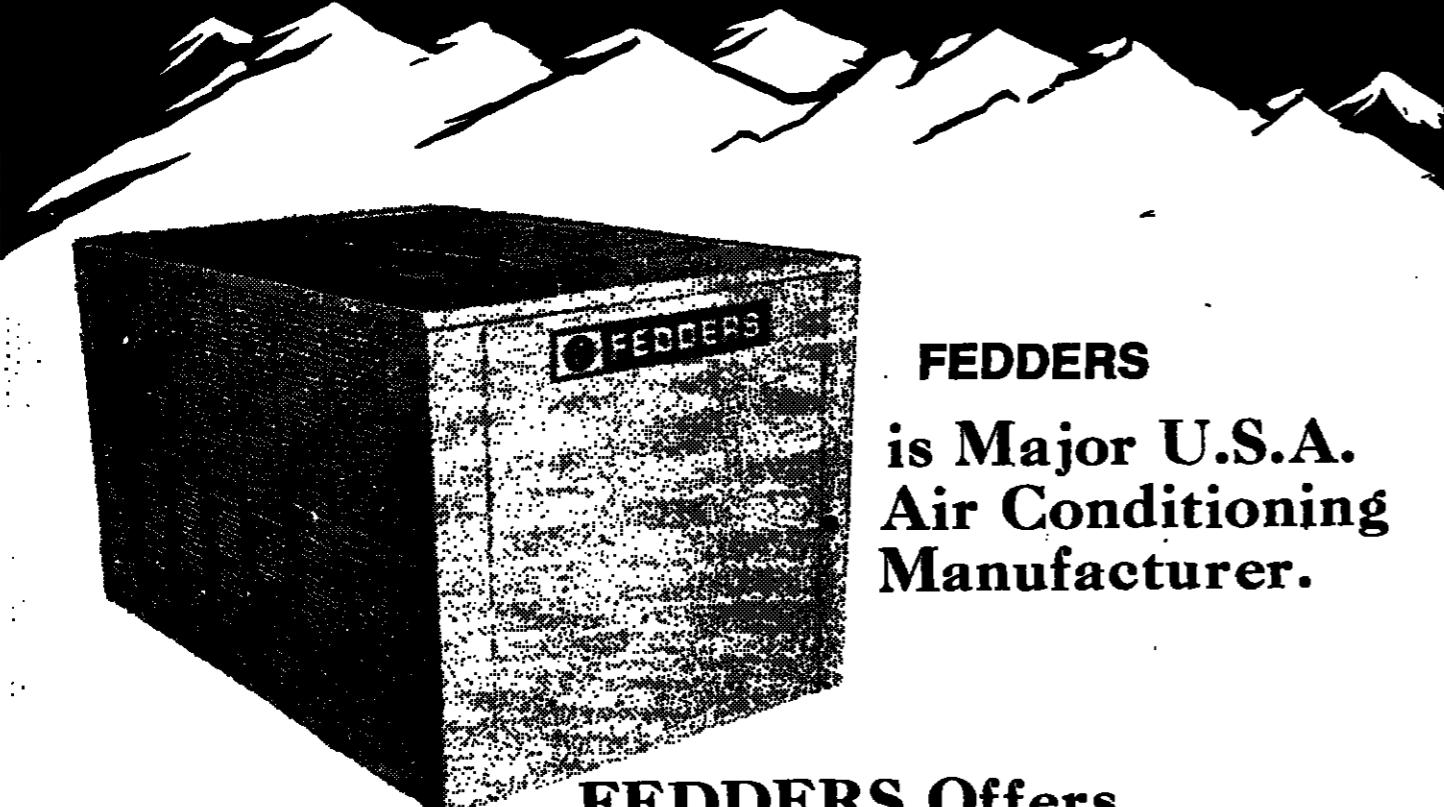
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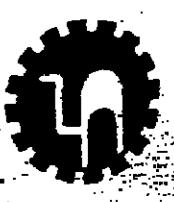
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Houston upsets Steelers on 3 TDs

PITTSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, Oct. 24 (AP) — Rookie Earl Campbell rushed for three touchdowns and the Houston Oilers held off a late Pittsburgh charge for a 24-17 victory Monday night, knocking the Steelers from the National Football League's unbeaten ranks.

Campbell, who rushed for 29 yards on 21 carries, scored on runs of one, three and one yard against a defense that had allowed the fewest points in the league through seven games.

The Steelers' offense got a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

But he was intercepted by Houston safety Kurt Knoff at the Oilers' one-yard line with about three minutes left and again at the Houston 11 with 10 seconds left.

Houston climbed to 5-2 and moved within two games of first-place Pittsburgh, 7-1, in the American Football Conference Central Division.

Austin wins pro debut at Stuttgart tournament

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct. 24 (AP) — Tracy Austin, 15, made her professional tennis debut Monday by crushing Elke Renz of West Germany at the Stuttgart Grand Prix tournament.

Austin, the top seed, needed less than one hour to rout the 17-year-old German, 6-0, 6-4, in the opening round of the \$35,000 event.

The U.S. teenager plays the winner of Tuesday's match between Betsy Nagelsen, also of the United States, and Elli



SAFE: Tunisia's goalkeeper Mokhtar Al-Nayli grasps the ball on the ground as his Abu Samra looks on during their 0-0 draw Monday night at Jeddah stadium.

In precision

Soviet girls outshine Olympic prodigy

STRASBOURG, France, Oct. 24 (R) — Olympic champion Nadia Comaneci of Romania surrendered the limelight to two Soviet performers in the first women's events at the World Gymnastics Championships here Tuesday.

Comaneci, who at the age of 14 achieved seven perfect scores at the Montreal Olympics in 1976, managed 9.75 out of 10 as her top score for both the beam and asymmetric bars in the compulsory exercises.

The Romanian girl, a wraith-like youngster at the time of the Olympics, has grown four inches and performed with grace and feminine elegance rather than the precise, technical perfection which was the basis of her stunning performance in Montreal.

But she was outshone by the two brilliant Soviet girls, Maria Filatova and a virtual unknown at world class level, Natalia Shaposhnikova. After Tuesday's exercises—the compulsory routines counting toward the women's team title—the Soviet Union led Romania by 194 points to 192.20.

The highest scores of the day in individual exercises went to Romania's Gertrude Eberle, who is startlingly like

Comaneci two years ago in her sylph-like appearance, and Shaposhnikova on the bars. Both scored 9.90.

The tiny Filatova also excelled in the floor exercise to score 9.80 with a combination of technical skill and controlled grace.

Soccer tourney disqualifies Iran

DACCA, Oct. 24 (R) — The Asian Youth Football Tournament here Tuesday cancelled Iran's semifinal berth in the tournament, after a protest was lodged on Saturday by the Kuwaiti team.

The Kuwaitis complained that Iran had broken a tournament rule by producing a group passport for its players instead of individual passports. Investigation of the collective passport had shown that the ages of eight players had been amended by overwriting, organizers said.

Scots need mighty win to welcome Stein

LONDON, Oct. 24 (R) — Jock Stein, long regarded as one of soccer's best club managers, takes charge of a national team for the first time in Glasgow when he handles Scotland's European championship match against underdog Norway.

Stein has succeeded Ally MacLeod, the man who presided over Scotland's dismal performance in the World Cup final in Argentina in June.

It was under the large, amiable Stein in the sixties that Glasgow Celtic dominated Scots football and in 1967 became the first British club to win the European Cup, beating Inter Milan 2-1 in a memorable final in Lisbon.

But having lost their opening Group Two tie 3-2 in Austria, the unpredictable Scots must win with something to spare, so Stein's broad shoulders will have a load to bear.

Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish has recovered from a shoulder injury but there is no place for fellow striker Joe Jordan, who played in all of Scotland's matches in the World Cup finals in Argentina. Stein prefers Aston Villa's Andy Gray, whom MacLeod overlooked for the Argentina trip.

Goalkeeper Alan Rough has also been dropped. His place goes to Middlesbrough's Jim Stewart.

The Scotland-Norway game is one of five in the European Championship Wednesday with three of the others also involving teams from the British Isles.

By naming an unchanged six for England's match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin, manager Ron Greenwood again seems certain to put the emphasis on attack.

England's hopes of staying at the top of Group One have been boosted by injuries to two key Irish players. Player manager Johnny Giles

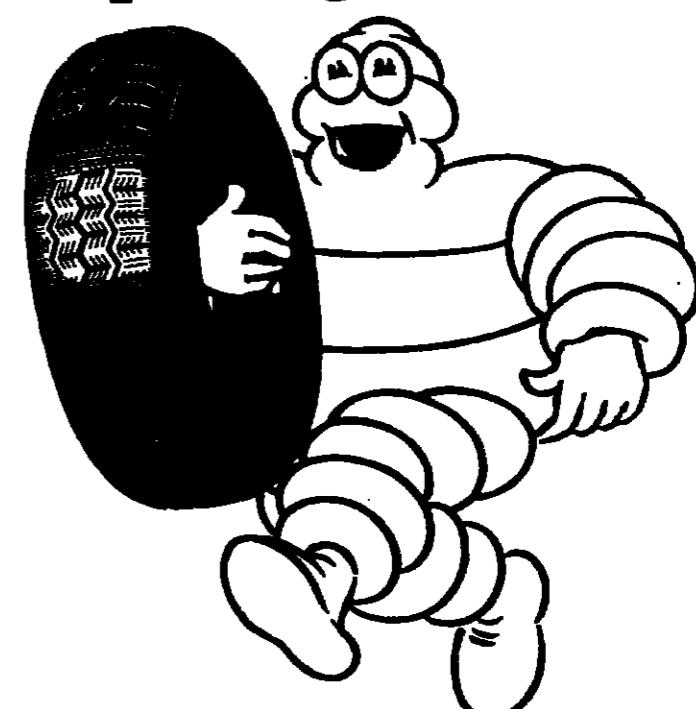
and Steve Heighway are unable to play because of leg injuries.

English fans have been barred from the match following disturbances at a match in Copenhagen last month.

Ken Bainbridge, 67, England's best known supporter, is included in the ban and is "absolutely distraught" at missing his 121st international.

Denmark, still without a win in Group One despite scoring eight goals in three matches, will be seeking to break its duck against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

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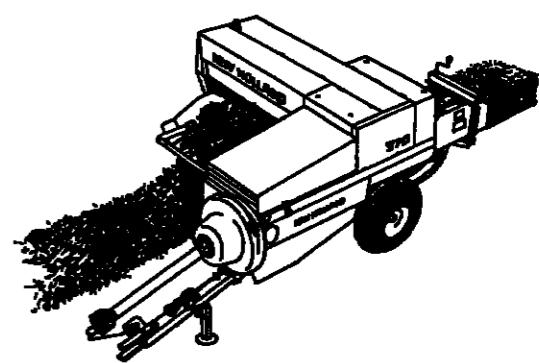
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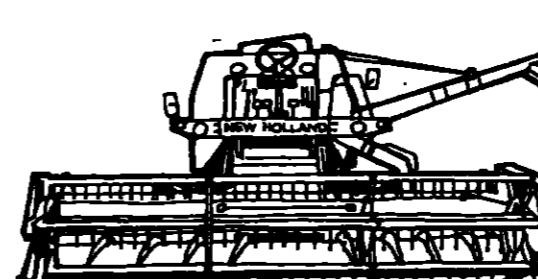
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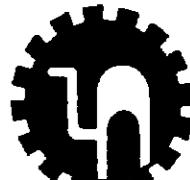
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Slower U.S. growth seen as no barrier to rising oil imports

HOUSTON, Oct. 24 (AP) — U.S. demand for petroleum products should rise to around 3.4 million barrels a day next year, despite a predicted slowdown in the growth rate of the nation's economy, the Supply and Demand Committee of the independent Petroleum Association of America says.

However, assuming normal weather, slower economic growth and increased availability of

OAPEC to view budget

KUWAIT, Oct. 24 (R) — The executive council of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) met here Tuesday to discuss next year's budget.

The draft budget will be submitted to the OAPEC ministerial meeting due to be held in Abu Dhabi on Dec. 12.

OAPEC's budget this year is \$6 million Kuwaiti dinars (about \$6.4 million).

Tuesday's meeting was chaired by the under-secretary of the Kuwait Oil Ministry, Khalid I-Adasani.

coal will temper 1979 oil consumption.

Predicted consumption would be 2.1 per cent above 1978 demand, which is expected to average 18.9 million barrels a day, or three per cent above 1977 figures, the committee said Monday at the annual meeting of the 5,000-member trade group.

Oil imports would begin to climb again next year as domestic crude production begins to level off.

Oil imports dropped from record levels after the start of crude production from Alaska's North Slope region last year.

But the committee now projects North Slope production will level off next year to about 1.13 million barrels a day, only slightly above the current level. With anticipated growth in demand, such a trend would require additional imported oil.

The committee forecast that the United States would import a record 8.87 million barrels a day next year in crude oil and petroleum products, compared with 8.14 million this year and the 1977 record of 8.72 million.

Domestic crude production was expected to drop to 8.66 million barrels a day, compared with this year's projected average of 8.72 million.

Giscard approves Greek EEC entry

PARIS, Oct. 24 (R) — Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis has secured French backing for his country's early entry into the European Common Market at lunch talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Greece could become an effective member of the EEC next year, Elysee presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt said Monday.

"The objective is to finish, if possible — the negotiations before the end of this year, and Greece could then join the EEC."

It was obvious a transition period was needed.



Giscard d'Estaing

"There would be a dual transition: A general economic transition period, and a more specific period concerning agricultural products."

Karamanlis broke a journey from Rome to Dublin for the talks at which he also discussed the Middle East.

Carter inflation package expected to be familiar

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP) — President Carter was due to explain to the American people Tuesday night his newest battle plan for fighting inflation through wage and price guidelines and additional restraints on government spending. But some of it may sound like warmed-over portions of past programs.

Guidelines will be aimed at limiting wage increases to seven per cent next year and price increases to about 5.75 per cent. If successful, the program would reduce inflation by between six and 6.5 per cent by the end of next year, compared with a rate of about eight per cent this year.

Major corporations will be asked to keep price rises at least one-half of one per cent below their average increases of the last two years. That is virtually the same request that was put to big business in Carter's last inflation program, which hasn't worked.

Wage and price behavior by big business and unions will be monitored by the Council on Wage and Price Stability, whose staff will be increased from about 40 to 100 for the program. Carter may also announce a partial freeze on Federal hiring next year and a new restraint of government spending.

Another indication of the nation's economic health came Monday when Chemical Bank of New York City raised its prime lending rate from 10 to 10.25 per cent. The move was expected to signal another round of increases in the interest rates banks charge their best corporate customers.

"The short-term global food situation looks good," Saouma told the opening session of the 30-nation governing body of the World Food Program. The 1978 harvest had been satisfactory or excellent in all major producing areas.

Market report

Banks halt S intervention

Special to "Arab News"

LONDON, Oct. 24 — Tuesday morning saw a continuation of the previous day's rally by both the dollar and sterling. There was little, if any, intervention by central banks — in contrast to Monday, when the Swiss authorities in particular were instrumental in turning the tide. A useful demand developed for the dollar during Tuesday morning as the market looked forward to the expected announcement of the next part of President Carter's anti-inflation plans.

The dollar's plight might have persuaded the administration to toughen up its plans for wage and price control over the past couple of weeks — but no one is prepared to stick his neck out and the overall mood is still one of extreme caution.

This was reflected in the performance of Wall Street on Monday. It managed to register a net gain on the day for the first time in six days' trading, but only after plummeting to a new low of 829.44 on the Dow Jones during the course of the day. By the close however, the index had clawed its way back to 839.66, for a net gain of 1.65. One worrying sign, though, was that the volume shrank from 44 million to just 16 million.

suggesting that buying interest was limited — hardly surprising after the hammering that stock prices took last week.

Good third quarter earnings figures continued to pour in from reporting companies, though two oil majors, Exxon and Occidental, disappointed the market with lower quarterly returns. Both ascribed these to extraordinary factors: Occidental to the effect of the recent rail strike on its coal business and Exxon to currency conversions resulting from the fall of the dollar exchange rate. Pan American topped the active list after an outstanding 54 per cent earnings surge in the third quarter and shares bounded up a quarter to \$7.25.

290m Indians below headline

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24 (R) — An estimated 290 million people or 46 per cent of the Indian population live below the official poverty line, Finance Minister H.M. Patel said Tuesday.

In an address to the National Defense College he said that those classed below the poverty line received an income of less than 260 rupees (\$7.50) a month.

Nearly five million people were being added to India's multitude of poor every year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

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Lebanese Lira (100)	113.00	112.50
Syrian Lira (100)	82.75	85.00
Egyptian Pound	4.70	4.77
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.20	11.18
Emirates Dirham (100)	86.00	85.50
Qatari Riyal (100)	86.00	85.50
Bahraini Dinar	8.60	8.55
Iraqi Dinar	10.25	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.00	46.50
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North-south promise not being kept

West welsing on aid, UNCTAD says

GENEVA, Oct. 24 (R) — Major industrialized countries are giving less than one third the aid promised to poor states at the Paris "north-south" talks last year, a U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report says.

The richer states were giving only 0.29 per cent of the increase in their gross national product to official development aid.

The "north-south" conference of rich and poor states had recommended that the developed countries should set aside one per cent of any GNP increase for development assistance.

The report was issued in preparation for a full-scale UNCTAD conference on trade and development in Manila next year.

The U.N. itself has set a target for aid contributions of 0.7 per cent of GNP.

The UNCTAD report said a \$1 billion special action program approved by industrialized states in Paris was likely to pay out only a very small proportion of its funds this year or next, because of the conditions on which the

money was made available.

Aid promised by the U.S. and the European Economic Community, accounting together for 76 per cent of the total commitment, seemed unlikely to come even by the end of 1980, the report said.

UNCTAD figures for the share of increased GNP allocated to official development aid between 1971 and 1977 were Australia 0.40 per cent, Austria 0.33 per cent, Belgium 0.43, Britain 0.35, Canada 0.59, Denmark 0.74, Finland 0.20, France 0.61, West Germany 0.20, Italy 0.01, Japan 0.21, Netherlands 1.00, New Zealand 0.47, Norway 1.10, Sweden 1.47, Switzerland 0.23, and the United States 0.10 per cent.

Abolition of export curbs to be urged in Congress

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP) — NATO restrictions on technological exports to the Soviet bloc are not succeeding, but are hurting U.S. producers, Rep. Jonathan Bingham says.

Bingham, chairman of the International Relations Subcommittee on Economy Policy, said he will work in the new Congress on revision of the Export Administration Act and "a realistic policy on multilateral export controls."

In a statement for the Congressional record, Bingham cited the case of the Cyril Bath Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturer of a machine to form metal aircraft bodies.

The company tried for two years without success to get a license to export such a machine to the Soviet Union "despite the fact that a French company is filling a Soviet order for two comparable machines."

"Subcommittee inquiries raise serious doubts as to whether the other members are willing to accept the sweeping controls which the United States seeks

Cereal output expected to be record in 1978

ROME, Oct. 24 (AP) — World cereal production is expected to reach a record of more than 1.5 billion tons this year, Edouard Saouma, director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization says.

"The short-term global food situation looks good," Saouma told the opening session of the 30-nation governing body of the World Food Program. The 1978 harvest had been satisfactory or excellent in all major producing areas.

Market report

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

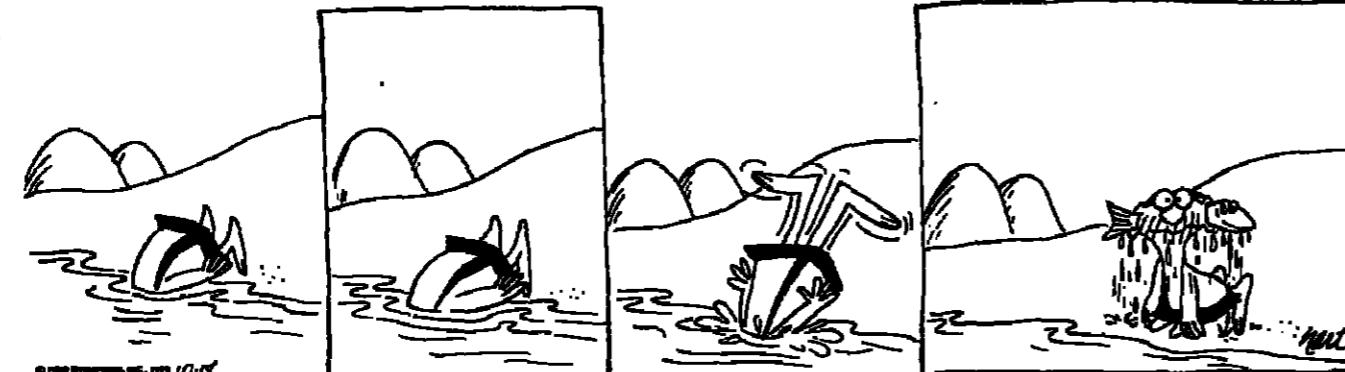
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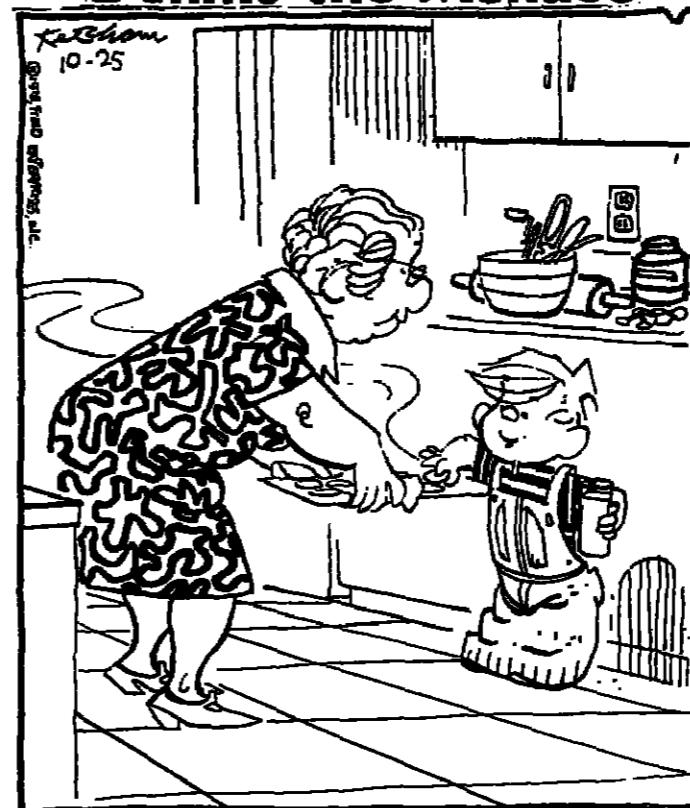
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IF ONLY OTHER PEOPLE WEREN'T SO CRAZY ABOUT IT -

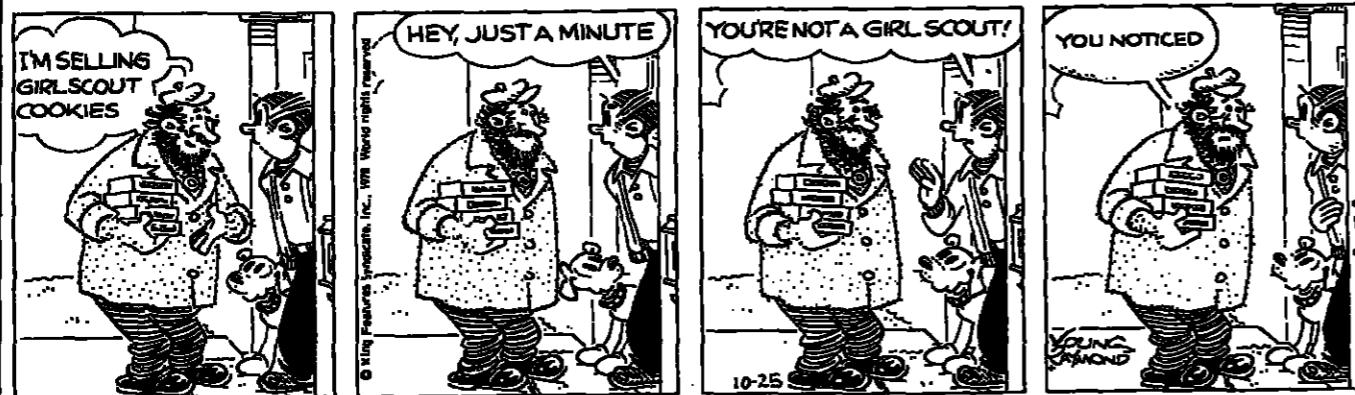
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HEY, JUST A MINUTE!
YOU'RE NOT A GIRL SCOUT!

YOU NOTICED
YOUNG LADY

IT'S ALMOST A SHAME TO EAT 'EM, MIZ WILSON...
THEY OUGHTA BE IN A ART GALLERY!

BEETLE BAILEY



SMACK!

OH, WELL, THEY SAY EVERYONE HAS TO EAT A TON OF GERMS IN A LIFETIME

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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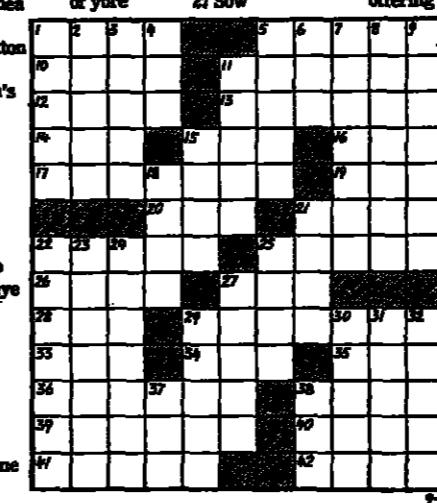
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5 Coddle
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12 Woman's
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Aunt's aunt
15 Party tricks
16 Helios
17 Pop the
question
18 Ancient
Sparta's
river
20 New Guinea's
town
21 Anne Sexton
was one
22 Abraham's
consecr.
23 Close by
26 Three,
at cards
27 St.
28 Czech
annual
29 Butter up
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34 Striping
35 English
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36 Accord
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39 Safety zone
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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ELIANA GRANT
SLIDER EDGE
SENIOR PEEL

Yesterday's Answer
18 Jack's
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20 Bakery
item
21 Wheats
23 Cocaine
24 Promulence
25 Weaponry
27 Ward
off
28 Wooden
pail
30 Tout's
offering



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AX YD LBAAKRE
X LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

D S M V M R C I W G P I W M D S R W B
D S L D V M X J R V M C U I J V L B M
D I C L P L W F D S L D R C L

D V J R C E . . . B . T . U S M C D M V D I W
Yesterday's Cryptogram: PERHAPS I HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF OTHER MISTAKES OF WHICH YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD. CLEMENCEAU

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Fajr	Ishaq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:06	6:25	12:12	3:30	5:53	7:23
Medina	5:10	6:27	12:13	3:29	5:51	7:21
Nejd	4:36	5:57	11:40	2:57	5:19	6:49

DAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show
4:50 Jokers Wild
5:10 Wide World Of Sports
6:02 Waltons
6:51 Wel. Bk Kotter
7:25 Safety Film
7:26 Police Woman
8:16 That's My Mama
8:41 Second Run

CB Bears: Hard Headed Hard Hat, Heavy No. 308
Acrobatic Water Ski
The Big Brother One Of Our Sweathogs Is Missing
Take Notice Death Game Cliftons Big Move Baxter

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran
2:03 Gems of Guidance
2:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:15 Flashes of Knowledge
2:30 On Islam
2:45 Arabic Song
2:55 Music
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 How the West was Sung
3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening
10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Music Roundabout
11:00 Salvation
11:10 Press Review
11:15 Sound Sweet and Strange
11:45 Heritage a Modern Touch
12:00 Programs in Focus
12:15 Classical Music
12:45 Rendezvous with Dreams
12:59 Close Down

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 *Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 *Jazz for the Asking
10:00 World News
0:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10:30 *Sarah Ward
10:45 *Report on Religion
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 World Radio Club
11:30 Benjamin Britten as Composer and Performer
12:00 World News
12:05 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Edwardians
Afternoon Transmission
1:15 Paperbacks
1:30 Magical Mystery Tour
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Out of the Shadows
2:30 Farming World
3:00 Radio Newsreel
3:15 Brain of Britain 1978
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
4:45 A Jolly Good Show
5:30 Talkabout
6:00 Radio Newcastle
6:15 *Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 *Opera Star
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 *Book Choice
8:15 *Discovery
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsreel
9:30 Top Twenty
10:00 Outlook News Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Encore
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Midnight Transmission
12:00 Report on Religion
12:15 International Soccer Special
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1:09 World Today
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1:35 Book Choice
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1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Weather conditions will improve over the western region, while the northeastern, central and eastern regions will be affected by northerly winds blowing at moderate to active speed and raising sand storms. Patches of low-lying clouds will gather over the highlands.
Sea conditions will be moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to rough in the Gulf.
Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Jeddah	33	24	Al-Wajh	31	22
Riyadh	34	17	Nejran	29	14
Dhahran	35	18	Sulayil	32	14
Medina	33	20	Turaif	28	17
Taf	29	15	Abha	24	08

VOA

P.M.
8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities;
Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline:
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News; Feature, The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup:
Reports; Actualities
~13 Opinion; Analyses

News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine:
America; Science;
Cultural; Letter.
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA:
(Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News...newsmakers'
voices...correspondents
reports...background
features...media comments...news analyses

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake



FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Everything's coming up roses. Delight in a cloud-free day. There's nothing to do but enjoy, enjoy.
TAURUS (Apr. 21 to May 21) Stop borrowing trouble. Your fears are unfounded. Take a good friend's advice, and look on the bright side.
GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) A little organization is needed to set your financial picture straight. You don't enjoy the bookkeeping end, but it's time to tackle it.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22) A friend's spouse will make a suggestion that will shock and tempt you. Let your innate sense of honor carry the day.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You resent a social obligation because it seems to stand in your way, but you'll have a better time than you suppose.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You know that it's time to make an important change in your lifestyle, yet you keep postponing it. Don't delay any longer.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You're tempted to throw yourself down with a new responsibility. Better consider carefully before making firm commitment.



Contract Bridge: B. Jay Becker

Test Your Play

hearts at trick one, declarer would make the contract if he had, for example, this type of hand:

K Q 7 6
K 4 3
Q A Q 6
A Q

N W S
6 5 5
K 4 3
Q J Q 9

West leads the seven of hearts, declarer following low from dummy. What is your plan of defense?

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If you did next, you'd find it impossible to defeat the contract. Declarer would score ten tricks consisting of five spades, four diamonds and one club.

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Late News

Smoke blankets city

Hundreds flee fires in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24 (Agencies) — Brush fires continued to rage out of control here late Tuesday, destroying at least 70 homes in exclusive western suburbs and threatening many more.

Hundreds of residents fled as the houses, many worth more than \$300,000, were engulfed by flames fanned by 45-mile (64 km) an hour winds in the worst Los Angeles blaze for 17 years.

Several injuries were reported when many residents, staying in their homes until the last minute, were forced to make desperate efforts to escape the flames.

Cries of "Get back" were heard as some people tried to return to their homes one more time to grab belongings. Many

were forced to abandon their cars as the narrow streets were clogged with those trying to reach safety.

Hundreds of others had already packed up their possessions and evacuated their homes.

More than 200 firefighters on the scene were virtually helpless as the fire roared through the mountainous terrain.

The night sky over the city glared red and was filled with a huge cloud of smoke. It was the worst blaze since the disastrous 1961 fire which destroyed more than 450 homes in the Bel-Air district.

The two most serious fires were in the Brentwood area of

Los Angeles and just west of Malibu near the Pacific Ocean.

In the blaze near Malibu, officials estimated between 50 and 60 homes were destroyed as the flames swept along a 20-mile (30 km) front, burning more than 15,000 acres (35,000 hectares).

But the Brentwood fire presented a potentially more disastrous situation with hundreds of homes in the direct path of the fire.

One person was seriously injured, a number of others were slightly hurt and two people died in car accidents indirectly related to the fires.

More than a dozen people were hospitalized for smoke in-

halation, burns, and other injuries, officials said. At least one man was critically burned.

Fire officials described property damage as "well into the millions."

When the first flames licked through the brush-filled canyons of west Los Angeles, they were fanned by high winds, but during the night, the winds began to die down.

Tel Aviv unit urges keeping Sinai airstrips

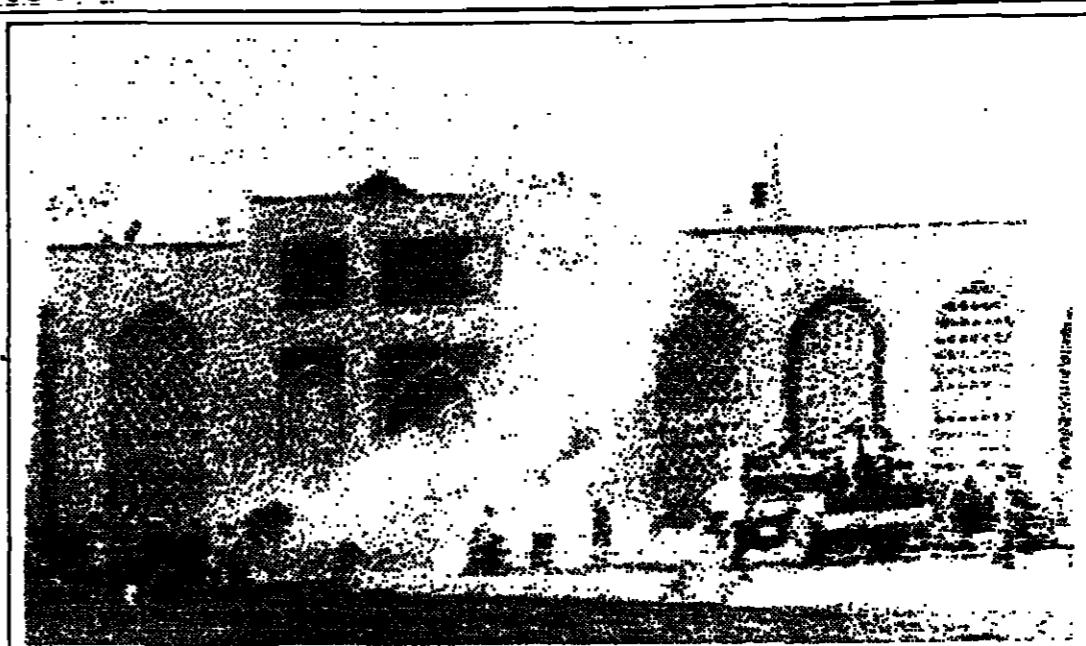
TEL AVIV, Oct. 24 (R) — The Israeli Institute for Strategic Studies says this country should not abandon its major airfields in Sinai, due to be returned to Egypt under a peace treaty, until completion of new alternative bases.

It would probably take from five to seven years to complete comparable fields in the Negev desert.

The Camp David agreements between Israel and Egypt called for evacuation of the Sinai installations within three to five years.

The institute said in a report, summarised for the press Tuesday that the Egyptians should not be allowed to build major airfields in Sinai after a peace treaty was signed, but should use existing facilities for fighter planes.

It said a number of points left vague in the Camp David accord on Sinai could produce misunderstandings in the future.



PROTESTORS: Demonstrators in Mashed Tuesday run from tear gas fired by police.
(Story page one.)

Britain to join Airbus Industri

PARIS, Oct. 24 (AP) — The state-owned British Space Corporation has agreed to join the French-German Airbus consortium through acquisition of a 20 per cent share by Jan. 1, 1979, French Transport Ministry announced Tuesday.

Subject to formal approval by the French and German governments, the agreement would give British Aeros "rights equivalent to those of the other two founders" in the control of the bus industry as from 1981.

British entry into the consortium had been held up because France insisted that Britain — through its state-owned British Airways — should commit to buying some of the planes to be produced by the consortium. The deal was broken when independent British airline operator Flybe Laker announced he would order ten.

The original plan, announced last year, called for a British resident commissioner.

The Rhodesians are believed to be opposed to any commissioner.

"The government is not having one in any shape or form — not at all."

From page one

Carter

A common Israeli view is that by agreeing to give up the occupied Sinai peninsula, Israel had already paid a high price for peace. That view was strongly reflected in a parliamentary debate at the end of September.

The leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party, Shimon Peres, told reporters the draft treaty reflected the growing role of the United States. "People are a bit worried that maybe we are losing a little bit of our independence," he said.

Reports that the linkage question was confined in the draft

to a preamble without binding force failed to mollify some sections of Israeli opinion. The trade union newspaper "Davar" demanded a clear statement that the peace treaty should be unlinked with other matters.

Among other factors likely to have attracted attention in the cabinet was the extent of American undertakings to pay towards the heavy costs involved in moving Israel's defense bases back from Sinai.

Once the cabinet reaches its decision, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman are expected to fly back later in the week for the next phase of treaty talks at Blair House in Washington.

As the Israeli cabinet met, President Anwar Sadat Tuesday reiterated his commitment to self-determination for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Sadat, in a speech read on his behalf, said: "Our celebrations today coincide with the peace talks with Israel which we conduct from a position of strength to restore Egyptian sovereignty over every inch of Egyptian land in Sinai and Ceasefire manifestations there."

The communiqué said the pledge was part of a plan to defuse Syrian-rightist tension endorsed by a seven-nation Arab conference held two weeks ago.

Meanwhile official sources said here Monday night that nine army officers who fought for the leftists and the rightists during the two-year civil war are to be tried on charges punishable by death.

The army commander accused the officers — five of whom fought on the side of the leftist movement and four with right-wing militias — of murder, restricting people's freedom and violating army regulations.

The officers include leftist Lt. Ahmad al-Khatib, who formed what came to be known as the "Lebanese Arab Army."

In a political development Lebanese President Elias Sarkis Tuesday received an invitation to visit Paris at a date still to be fixed, it was officially announced.

The invitation, from President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, was delivered by French Ambassador Hubert Argod.

Earlier Tuesday, Lebanese army commander Victor Khoury took leave from Sarkis before flying to Paris at the head of a military mission.

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No chance seen for Rhodesia plan

SALISBURY, Oct. 24 (R) — Modified Anglo-American peace proposals for Rhodesia have no chance of being accepted by the transitional government, informed sources said Tuesday.

They said the plans, understood to have been sent to Salisbury over the weekend, still rested on Patriotic Front forces assuming the dominant role in a new Zimbabwe army.

"This makes the proposals a complete non-starter," said one highly-placed official. "The Rhodesian security forces are not going to be disbanded — and on that the Executive Council is completely united."

The Nigerians topped the list with 3,924, followed by the Egyptians with 2,280.

"No matter how much the Anglo-American plans are modified, this basic point is quite unacceptable to the government here. So the Anglo-American plans have no chance at all."

The modified Anglo-American proposals, evidently aimed at establishing the basis for peace talks, were understood to suggest reduced powers for the proposed commission to run Rhodesia during the transition to black rule.

The original plan, announced last year, called for a British resident commissioner.

The Rhodesians are believed to be opposed to any commissioner.

"The government is not having one in any shape or form — not at all."

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